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MEMORANDUM FOR: Comptroller, OSA  
SUBJECT: FY-1970 Personnel Manning Discussions  
REFERENCE: [ ] Same Subject

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1. The subject of manpower ceilings and adequacy of numbers of assigned personnel to meet the requirements of D/M functions has been a matter of repeated discussions and correspondence since my initial assignment to this organization. Prior to my assignment the former D/M was requested and submitted a proposed Manning document based on the known program at that time with the phase out of OXCART. This proposal concluded a total of [ ] personnel. A detailed review of this proposal by the undersigned on assignment was accomplished and not concurred in. Correspondence stating this position was prepared for the Comptroller/Personnel and requested an increase [ ]. This position was concurred in and supported with the return to OSA Headquarters of the slot occupied by the U-2R Flight Program on the termination of requirement at Edwards.

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2. The acceptance of the authorized [ ] acknowledged through the reduction realized by this office to the original figure [ ] when one slot was withdrawn from D/M manning to provide [ ] slots in support of AMS.

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3. A manpower study conducted at Edwards during December 1968 resulted in a reduction in the Materiel field of the Edwards force. This office requested per Attachment Number 3 that one of the Materiel blue suit positions gained through this reduction be applied to the Headquarters D/M staff to provide an authorized replacement in the Maintenance Division resulting from the withdrawal effected in paragraph 2.

4. A detailed review of the positions occupied at Edwards by both blue suit and contractor personnel would indicate that further reduction over and above that indicated in the Headquarters Manpower Survey could not be accepted. The conversion of any blue suit positions to contractor personnel would likewise not be accepted.

5. It is realized and admitted that the efforts and proposal offered in reference were afforded as a possible solution; however, the trends of the future in both manpower and budgetary limitations could result in not only the lose of one blue suit position but in eventuality lose of the contractor position.

6. The position of this office as to personnel requirements stated in Attachment Number 1 indicates a total of [ ] required is still valid. I would propose that action be taken to transfer one of the blue suit surplus positions in the Materiel area as evidenced in the Headquarters Manpower Study be transferred to this office for duty in the Maintenance Division as requested in Attachment Number 3.

[ ]  
Deputy for Materiel, OSA

Attachment: a/s

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